Health sector expansion and healthcare to old people

*322. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that according to FICCI, India would require an investment of 78 billion dollars in the next decade to fund the addition of approximately 10,00,000 beds which are needed;

(b) if so, with meager funding of 1 per cent of GDP on total healthcare system, how Government would achieve this target;

(c) what healthcare system his Ministry is going to evolve for the ageing people and senior citizens having chronic diseases; and

(d) in what manner, Government is going to ensure that old age people get cheaper and accessible medical treatment?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (d) According to the Study Report of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India would require an investment of US $ 77.9 billion in the next decade to fund the addition of approximately 10,00,000 beds by 2012. The study further states that the Government and Private Players need to focus on their core competencies/responsibilities, work together to reduce inefficiencies and complement each others efforts.

Presently, the public spending on health as a percentage of GDP is in the vicinity of 1%. The National Common Minimum Programme has mandated that the Government will raise public spending on health to atleast 2-3% of GDP over the next five years with focus on primary healthcare. The strategy being adopted in the Eleventh Plan is likely to enhance the levels of public health spending as a per cent of GDP. This strategy aims at promoting comprehensive primary healthcare under the National Rural Health Mission, develop tertiary healthcare facilities under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) and concrete measures to arrest HIV/AIDS and other communicable and life style diseases.

The National Policy for Older Persons (NPOP), 1999 mandated separate beds for the elderly at various levels of health Care delivery system. At present, elderly are being provided health care facilities through/as part of general health care delivery system, which is almost free of cost. The Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages implementation of the National Programme for Health Care of the elderly to address the health care needs of the elederly population. It is proposed to establish two National Institutes of Ageing in the country under this programme. These Institutes would be responsible for providing state of the art health care facilities to the elderly in a comprehensive manner. In addition, research and training in the field of Geriatrics/Gerontology would also be undertaken in these Institutes.

Comprehensive specialist/super specialist care in the identified speciality would be provided at the State medical colleges and district hospitals for the elderly. There is also a provision of mobile Medical care for the elderly in the community who are bed ridden/ immobile.

Renewal of Tatkal Scheme

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has renewed the guidelines for the Tatkal Scheme for reservations;